equipment to organizations who have been found to have appropriate capacity and systems in position. Public Sector Undertakings like M/s RITES, M/s MECON and M/s NTPC have been doing procurement under different programmes of the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare. Therefore, during 1998-99, 1999-2000 and 2000-2001, M/s HSCC was assigned the procurement of RCH kits. Similarly, during 1998-99, M/s HLL were given the job of procurement of RCH kits and during 2000-2001, HLL were assigned the task of procurement of Laproscopes at a cost not exceeding Rs. 8 crores.

(f) Question does not arise.

Facilities for essential tests of cardiac patients

3960. SHRI RAJNATH SINGH 'SURYA': Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal for increasing/improving the facilities for all the essential tests required for cardiac patients;

(b) what are the facilities being currently provided in this regard;

(c) whether the required number of doctors/technicians etc. are there in cardiology in proportion to the load of patients; and

(d) if not, the steps proposed in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) and (b) Major hospitals such as All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS), New Delhi, G.B. Pant Hospital, New Delhi provide the facilities for all the essential tests required for cardiac patients such as ECO Cardiography, Tread Mill Test and Angiography etc.

(c) and (d) Cardiology departments are generally provided with the reasonsable number of doctors/technicians within the financial resources available.